

Wanderers sign

Cruse

WYCOMBE Wanderers have signed the former Slough, Arsenal and Enfield forward Peter Cruse from Staines Town. Manager Ted Powell strengthened his squad with this capture last week.

Cruse had a season with his striking partner John Ritchie at Arsenal but returned to non-league soccer and also had a spell at Barking before joining Staines a season ago. He scored for Staines in their 3-2 defeat at Loakes Park against the Blues in September.

At Staines Cruse operated in a midfield role but his knowledge of playing upfront could prove an asset to Wanderers. Unfortunately, he is unable to take part in the F.A. Cup as he previously played for Staines in the competition, but he is available for the F.A. Trophy.

Cruse may be given his first outing tonight (Tuesday) when Wanderers take on Leatherhead in the

Rothmans Isthmian League Cup at Loakes Park. This will be the second meeting between the teams this season as Wycombe held the Tanners to a 0-0 draw recently in the league.

Wanderers must have been pleased with their performance at Fetcham Grove but they will be facing a side full of confidence after their F.A. Cup triumph at Southern League Chelmsford on Saturday. Tanners won 4-0, one of the best results of the round, with John Baker scoring twice and John Bailey and John Cooper also on the target. Jimmy Greaves, who has been scoring regularly for Chelmsford, was injured after 20 minutes and the Southern Leaguers also had Peter Martin sent off.

John Priestley might well

return for the Blues tonight in place of Gavin Fraser. Priestley came on as substitute on Saturday against Merthyr, having spent over a fortnight out of the game with a calf muscle injury. Howard Kettleborough cup-tied on Saturday, may also come back at centre-forward.

Wanderers did well in the league cup last season, reaching the semi-final before going out to Slough Town.

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	20	11	4	5	32	20	37
Hitchin	17	11	3	3	26	16	36
Dagenham	17	10	4	3	31	18	34
L'head	19	10	2	7	27	18	32
Tooting	19	9	4	6	40	34	31
Sutton	18	8	4	6	26	24	28
L'stone	17	8	3	6	27	22	27
Bishops	18	8	2	8	27	23	26
Wel'stow	18	8	2	8	24	25	26
Enfield	13	7	4	2	15	12	25
Slough	14	7	3	4	18	14	24
Southall	16	6	3	7	29	27	21
Hayes	17	6	3	8	18	23	21
Hendon	17	6	2	9	22	25	20
Tilbury	15	6	2	7	13	16	20
Woking	13	5	3	5	18	15	18
Croydon	13	5	3	5	14	15	18
Staines	14	4	4	6	13	16	16
Dulwich	16	3	4	9	18	26	13
Barking	14	4	1	9	13	22	13
King'sian	15	2	4	9	13	26	10
Ilford	18	1	4	13	8	35	7